Appl. No. 32378

Amdt. Dated October 24, 2003

Reply to Office action of August 4, 2003

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-2, and 11 are allowed.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend on claim 1. Therefore, claim 3 is in condition for allowance. Claims 4-10 depend on claim 3. Therefore, claims 4-10 are in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application as amended is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32378.

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